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SUBJECT: PANAMA CANAL TREATIES

1. PRESIDENT DESIRES SEND FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF AMERICAN REPUBLICS REPRESENTED AT SEPTEMBER 7, 1977, PANAMA TREATY SIGNING CEREMONY, AND OF OTHER CANAL USER COUNTRIES WHICH SENT MESSAGES OF CONGRATULATION AT THAT TIME. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, PLEASE DELIVER AT EARLIEST APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY.

2. QUOTE: DEAR PRESIDENT PEREZ: WITH APPROVAL BY THE UNITED STATES SENATE OF THE TWO PANAMA CANAL TREATIES OF 1977, AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE TREATIES BY THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA, THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CAN NOW INITIATE A NEW COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP IN OPERATING AND PROTECTING THE CANAL AS THE TREATIES PROVIDE.

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3. I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR INVALUABLE SUPPORT AS WE MOVED TOWARD THIS HAPPY RESULT. YOUR ACTIVE ROLE AS AN ADVISOR TO BOTH GENERAL TORRIJOS AND MYSELF, TOGETHER WITH THE SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED IN YOUR MEMORANDUM OF

MARCH 28, PROVED TO BE IMPORTANT FACTORS CONTRIBUTING

TO THE SUCCESS OF THE TREATIES. WITH THE SOLUTION OF
THIS DIFFICULT PROBLEM, WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO IMPROVED
WESTERN HEMISPHERE RELATIONS, TO THE FACILITATION OF
WORLD COMMERCE AND THUS TO WORLD PEACE. SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER. UNQUOTE. VANCE

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